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JESUS ENDURES

WEEK SEVEN • JOHN 15:18-25



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“Wait...could anyone actually **hate** Jesus?”



FATHER **LOVES** THE SON

↳ THE SON **LOVES** THE DISCIPLES

↳ THE DISCIPLES **ABIDE** IN HIS LOVE

↳ **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

↳ **BEAR WITNESS TO THE WORLD**





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THE “WORLD” HATED JESUS FIRST

Creation

Humanity & the creation God loves

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” - John 3:16

“World” describing those in **opposition to God**



THEY NO LONGER BELONG TO THE WORLD'S REBELLION

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“For it is better, if it is God’s will,
to **suffer for doing good** than for doing evil.”

1 PETER 3:17 NIV

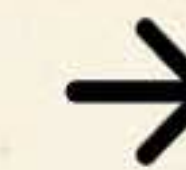




Being Faithful
to Jesus



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The problem with the human condition while left in sin & darkness isn't that God hadn't made Himself known.

The problem is that He had and we didn't like it.

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Having **loved his own** who were **in the world**,
he loved them **to the end**.

- JOHN 13:1b NIV

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- JOHN 15:19 NIV





THE HOPE OF
JOHN 15:18-25

We can love a world that
rejects us because we belong
to a Savior who never will.





“They love all men and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned. They are put to death and restored to life.

They are poor, yet make many rich. They lack everything, yet they overflow in everything.

They are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor they are glorified; they are spoken ill of and yet are justified; they are reviled but bless; they are insulted and repay the insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evildoers; when punished, they rejoice as if raised from the dead.”

- LETTER TO DIOGNETUS, 130-150AD





“We don’t understand anything about leadership, we don’t understand about Western leadership methods.

Could you help us? All we know how to do to is pray, all we know how to do is believe God.

That’s how we had revival in China when we’re not allowed to carry the Word of God. The only leadership training we give our people is, **we teach them how to witness to their executioner on their way to their execution.”**

- CHINESE UNDERGROUND CHURCH LEADERS
TO CHRISTINE CAINE





Our hope is not that the world would come
to love Christians, but that the world would
come to **know Christ.**

